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6. [] Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and told him that in the last discussion with Mr. Maury and Chairman Hanley concerning breakfast date, the suggestion was made but not discussed of a possible breakfast meeting at the Agency on a day when Committee meetings are scheduled. Mr. Barton told me he saw no reason why a Committee hearing could not be started late but that the Chairman had not mentioned this possibility to him. He will explore this approach to the problem with the Chairman at his first opportunity. Mr. Barton also told me that only one member, Representative Charles Wilson (D., Calif.), was able to make today's session. Testimony was received from Mr. Hal Witt on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union.

I returned the transcript of the Committee hearing of 11 May that was loaned for DDS review over the weekend.

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7. [] Talked to Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that the hearing on the Case bill regarding RFE and RL scheduled for 24 May will be in open session and will be held in room 4221 NSOB. Present witnesses scheduled are Representative Ogden Reid (R., N.Y.), who will lead off, followed by Mr. Hillenbrand, State Department. Although the Department has not yet confirmed on Mr. Hillenbrand, it is the Committee's understanding that he will be the Administration witness. The Committee has no information as to whether Senator Case (R., N.J.) intends to appear as a witness, although it is reasonable to assume that he will testify on this bill.

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8. [] Met with Mr. Richard Sewell, Administrative Assistant to Representative Charles Bennett (D., Fla.), and discussed with him the Agency response to the constituent's letter from [] that was forwarded by Representative Bennett for direct response. Mr. Sewell had no subsequent comment on our response. No further action is required at this time. [] OGC, has been advised.

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